



8 April 2026

Ref: OIA 26-153

Mr Paul S

By email: fyi-request-33760-565c0a2d@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Paul

Response to your request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) received on 18 February 2026, in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Under the Official Information Act, I request an extract of import data related to vehicles imported by Tesla New Zealand (or their designated shipping agents) between October 1st, 2025, and the present date:

1, A breakdown of the number of vehicles imported under HS Code 8703.80.00 (Electric Vehicles), specifically requesting the "Goods Description" field for these entries.

I am specifically interested in entries that denote "Evaluation Units," "Prototype," "Type Approval Units," or new sub-model designations (e.g., variations of the Model 3) that differ from the standard RWD/Long Range/Performance nomenclature.

2. Any records of Import Entry documentation that specify the Battery Capacity (kWh) or Motor Power (kW) for new variants of the Tesla Model 3.”

In response to your request, Customs is withholding the requested information for vehicles imported by Tesla New Zealand under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, as the release of this information would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Customs considers that the public interest arguments in favour of making this information available do not outweigh the necessity to withhold this information.

You have the right, by way of complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available online at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or you can phone 0800 802 602.

If you have any queries in regard to this response, please contact the Correspondence, Reviews and Ministerial Servicing Team: OIA@customs.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Kay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'y'.

Debbie Kay
Manager Correspondence, Reviews and Ministerial Servicing